



Tuskegee National Forest

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prescribed Burn

(Tuskegee, AL) February 2, 2024 - USDA Forest Service federal fire management specialists on the Tuskegee National Forest are planning to conduct a 330-acre prescribed burn (controlled burn) today approximately 3 miles east of Tuskegee on US Highway 29 near the Taska picnic area.

US Highway 29 and Thunder Road form the burn boundary and should be traveled with caution. The public will encounter Forest Service fire crews and equipment on these roads. The wind is expected to be out of the northwest and will carry the smoke to the southeast. Smoke will be visible from US Highway 29, AL Highway 186, US Highway 80 and Macon County Road 53. As the temperatures cool later today, the smoke will settle down the Uphapee Creek drainage crossing US Highway 29. Some settling will also occur around the area of the burn. If encountering smoke on roadways, please slow down, turn on your low-beam headlights and use caution when encountering prescribed burning operations and smoke.

Prescribed burns are low-intensity fires ignited by trained personnel to remove excess fuels such as vegetation and dead wood that would enable wildfires to burn hotter and longer.

Prescribed fire is an important management tool to improve the health of southern forest landscapes and improve plant and animal habitat. Prescribed fire plays a critical role in restoring the longleaf pine forest ecosystem. Applying prescribed fire on the land at the right place, at the right time, under the right conditions benefits the land and the surrounding communities.

For additional information, contact the Tuskegee National Forest at (334) 552-3145. Or visit www.fs.usda.gov/alabama